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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A STUDY TO IMPROVE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE  
PARKS DIVISION OF THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
DEPARTMENT AND THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the mission of the public education department  
is to create and maintain a customer-focused organization  
that provides leadership and service to improve education;  
and

WHEREAS, the mission of the state parks division of the  
energy, minerals and natural resources department is to  
protect and enhance natural resources, provide recreational  
facilities and opportunities and promote public safety and  
education to benefit and enrich the lives of park visitors;  
and

WHEREAS, the public education department and the state  
parks division are both guided by principles of dedication to  
education and customer service; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's state parks have unique natural  
and cultural resources, receive over four million visits  
annually and offer outstanding opportunities for education  
outside the classroom; and

WHEREAS, improved use of the state parks as outdoor  
classrooms and increased use of the state parks division  
education staff in schools would help New Mexico's children

1 to learn about and appreciate New Mexico's heritage while  
2 meeting content standards, benchmarks and performance  
3 standards required in curriculum;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public education department and  
6 the state parks division of the energy, minerals and natural  
7 resources department should be requested to prepare a study  
8 outlining opportunities for increased partnerships between  
9 the two agencies; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this study be transmitted to  
11 the legislative education study committee by November 1,  
12 2005; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
14 transmitted to the secretary of public education and the  
15 secretary of energy, minerals and natural resources. \_\_\_\_\_

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